(c) and (d) NTPC has not participated in any international global tenders for construction of power plant in joint venture. However, NTPC has submitted a proposal to Government of Sri Lanka for development of a 3x300 MW coal/gas based project on build own and operate basis in Sri Lanka.

Allocation of funds under RGGVY

†1848. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme is in operation;

(b) whether State of Bihar has been allocated funds for this scheme in this financial year;

(c) what progress has been made so far; and

(d) what contribution has to be shared by the State in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana covers the entire country. The scheme is in operation in Bihar, Haryana, J&K, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of total thirty-eight districts in Bihar, POWERGRID has commenced work in seven districts. Out of these seven, in two districts the work is in full swing.

(d) Under this scheme, 90 percent capital subsidy shall be provided for overall cost of the project and the balance 10 percent of the project cost will be provided as loan on soft terms by Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. to the State Government.

New power tariff policy

1849. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is preparing a new power tariff policy for the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, does it not dilute the Electricity Act, 2003;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has scaled down the power generation target from 41,110 MW to 36,956 MW;

(d) what are the reasons for bringing it down; and

(e) how the proposed new tariff helps in saving electricity supply of power to consumers at a reasonable rates and reducing shortage of power?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Under the provisions of section 3 of the Electricity Act, 2003, Government is in the process of preparation of the tariff policy.

(b) No, Sir. tariff policy aims at attainment of the objectives of the Act.

(c) and (d) There is no change in the capacity addition targeted during the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, based on review of the progress of development of the originally identified as well as additional identified projects for Tenth Plan benefits from time to time, it is expected that the likely capacity addition would be about 36,000 MW.

(e) The draft tariff policy aims at ensuring availability of electricity to consumers at reasonable and competitive rates while ensuring financial viability of the sector and also attracting necessary investments.

Setting up hydro-electric power plants in U.P.

1850. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places where hydro-electric power plants have been set up in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of the places where such plants are proposed to set up in Uttar Pradesh during the current year;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to set up the above power plants in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?